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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Social Security Fairness Act of 2013 was  
3 introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives on April 26,  
4 2013 as H.R. 1795 and into the U.S. Senate on May 8, 2013 as S.  
5 896; and

6 WHEREAS, The Social Security Fairness Act of 2013 was to  
7 amend Title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the  
8 Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination  
9 Provision; and

10 WHEREAS, The Government Pension Offset was enacted in 1977  
11 and the Windfall Elimination Provision was enacted in 1983; and

12 WHEREAS, The majority of public employees affected by the  
13 Government Pension Offset lost their entire spousal benefit  
14 despite the fact that their spouses paid Social Security  
15 contributions for many years; and

16 WHEREAS, An affected public employee loses an average of  
17 \$3,000 per year because of the Government Pension Offset; and

18 WHEREAS, The Windfall Elimination Provision causes public  
19 employees to lose up to 60% of the benefits that they earned;  
20 and

1           WHEREAS, According to the Social Security Administration's  
2 actuaries, the long-term cost of eliminating both of these  
3 provisions is negligible while the loss of income to affected  
4 employees caused by these provisions forces some civil servants  
5 into poverty; and

6           WHEREAS, These provisions discriminate against teachers,  
7 police, firefighters, social workers, and other civil  
8 servants; and

9           WHEREAS, The State and national shortage of teachers,  
10 police officers, and firefighters is exacerbated by these  
11 provisions because they discourage people from entering and  
12 staying in these professions; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 urge the U.S. Congress to introduce and pass legislation that  
16 eliminates both the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall  
17 Elimination Provision; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
19 delivered to the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the  
20 Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each member  
21 of the Illinois Congressional delegation.